

WASHINGTON MISSION

Dear Readers:—I see the Editor has reminded you in the last paper that you would be kept informed as to what we do each month, and were it not for the promise I would be tempted to withdraw this time; as it is, I can but repeat what Brother Lyon had in his letter, "Getting along slowly."

For we have as yet made no change in our place of worship, so that we can hold meetings any night we chose, but by the time this is read we shall have arranged for all that so you can come prepared to preach when you pass this way.

Sister Watson is about to partially leave us, for her new home at Kensington Maryland, a distance of ten miles. For the last four years she has been faithful to her Sunday-school class, which she now expects to give up as she'll not be able to get in the city every Sunday. Her place will be greatly missed, but as if to partly compensate for the loss, a young lady has just come to us and desires to be taken in full membership.

In my last letter, I noticed that I omitted to say that my appointment as teacher was only temporary, and as such, has now expired, sooner however than I had expected, but, I say, as before "the Lord knows best where to put us." While I was teaching I gave my whole time to it, and consequently wasn't much of a help to the Mission.

Before I do any more substituting, however, I intend to give sometime to house-to-house visiting again. In these city missions, it takes hard work to kindle the fire of interest and much self sacrifice to continually add the right kind of fuel to keep it burning. It is at once noticeable in the primary classes of our Sunday-school, when we do not keep in close touch with the children or call at their homes as soon as they are absent.

In beautiful harmony with all this kind of work comes that of getting subscribers for some good religious paper, such, for instance as the Brethren EVANGELIST, especially since it has come out in its new dress. I have two new subscribers for a start and hope to swell that number considerably before the close of the month, for I believe it is a most effectual way of preaching the gospel and it is certainly a most delightful feature of mission work to be the means of sending this quiet visitor with so much "good tidings" into the home every week.

Brother Lyon and family have gone to their former home Union Bridge, Maryland for a stay of ten days or two weeks. They had no sooner gone when Sister Yoder of Lancaster, Pa., called to see them. She was on her way to Tennessee, and stopped in to see how the Mission was getting along. Having no meeting of our own we went to the Central Union Mission at night, and in the afternoon we went to the new Congressional Library where she was lost in wonder at the display of human skill. 'Tis indeed a wonderfully and extremely magnificent building.

Sister Yoder is the only member of the Brethren church in Lancaster, but there is an opening at that place for some one to do a good work. May others follow her example and stop off with us when coming along this way.

Rev. E. D. Bailey of the Central Union Mission will fill the pulpit Sunday, in Brother Lyon's absence. Their Mission provides a Thanksgiving dinner for several hundred poor families every year. Who can measure the joy and happiness they provide? And as Christmas is approaching let us remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves and spare some luxury for them. Each one can thus extend the blessing of Christian sympathy and helpfulness, and a happy Christmas and a glad New Year will sure to be yours.

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OUR CHICAGO LETTER

THE WORK MOVING ALONG

Last week our work took a new lease of life, the work of the past commenced to focus. There were two confessions in the hall, four in the hospital, and numerous requests for prayer. Brother Bowman and Talley were with us for several nights. The man and woman making a confession came out the night Brother Bowman preached, Brother Talley and myself going to the north side, where we had a few out, but a good meeting, Brother Talley giving us a good talk. This time last year we had not started our night meetings, so that we start this year ahead of last, and no doubt the work will go ahead, for as Paul says: "God is faithful," hence his cause will not fail.

THINGS THAT ENCOURAGE

The Sunday morning congregation is also increasing. Last Sunday we had double our usual number, and some new faces; one of our teachers had been persuaded, we think, to leave us, but a young lady took her place and went on without a break. Friends come and speak kind words and thus we are encouraged to go on. There are many hard things to contend with and if you understood the wonderful possibilities you would come to our relief. As it is we are crippled, but we are praying that hindrances may be removed, the word of God have free course and his cause glorified, but unless you put the funds in the Board's hands, they are useless as far as we are concerned, and you must remember that we are committed to the cause and must make it go.

A SAD LOSS

I was filled with sadness on hearing of the death of brother Joe Emmert of Hagerstown. He was among my first friends when I took my first charge. It must have been some fourteen years ago. He gave me many a word of encouragement, and his kind family always sanctioned his efforts. I preached the funeral sermon of his father, who was carried to the grave by brother Joe and his brothers, and now his turn has come, as it will come to all. Fallen asleep—there is no

death to the Christian. A sharp curve in life has been turned, and the heavenly brought in sight. To the wife and children, our sympathy pours. The church has suffered, I was going to say, a loss, yet should it be a loss? Should not such an event be a means of grace to impress our keener interest in the other world, and while we feel the absence, can we not realize that it is not a loss, but a richer gain to heaven and a deeper experience for those left behind?

SEED ON GOOD GROUND

You remember the little woman I told you of, she asked me last night after services, four miles from here, if I knew where Meyersdale, Pa., was. I told her yes. "Well," she said, "do you know Mrs. Dr. U. M. Beachley of the Brethren church?" Then I knew the gospel quilt was working, for her mother was in the hospital. Then she told me she went over to see her mother, and found the quilt on the bed, and they read the scripture passages, and called their friends in and had quite a little praise service over God's word as found on the quilt squares. Those who have been on sick beds in a hospital can only appreciate the situation. God bless the Sunday-school class who pieced that quilt. We have a call to visit a patient in another hospital and will do so today. Our hospital work is telling in conversions.

PEOPLE WHO HELP

Since my last we have received a barrel of clothing from Brooklyn, Iowa, and two barrels of provisions from the same place, and a box of honey. Back of them was Sister Miller, Brother Connell, and other good friends. Our thanks are due. Our friends have our continued prayers for their peace and prosperity. Sisters Leedy, Leedy Ullery, Mohlar, and an unknown sister remembered us with a remittance each, on Thanksgiving. There were ten cleansed, where are the nine? Keeping it until Christmas, I presume. All right, it will be needed then.

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To The Churches of Indiana

The new Home Mission Board chosen at our last conference has met and organized. The organization stands as follows: W. C. Perry, President and Secretary, and Daniel Stevens, Treasurer.

The Board and the State Evangelist have agreed upon a plan of work in the state and the evangelist is already in the field. His reports to the secretary of the board have a hopeful outlook.

All pledges made at the State Conference for Home Mission work should now be paid as soon as possible. We do not want our work to become embarrassed in the onset. Send your money to Daniel Stevens, Sidney, Kosciusko County, Ind. You can send by money order or check. These are safe and convenient.

The Board urges that the churches of the state make persistent effort to introduce and